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1. Absenteeism among manual workers and carelessly done work is increasing more and more in the Gdynia Repair Shipyard. Repairs and overhauls are carelessly and inaccurately completed. Cases where worn parts are painted over instead of being replaced occur daily. The blackboard on which the names of those accused of defaulting or of absenteeism are given is already too small, and names written up one day are removed the next day to make room for new ones. This action of publicly exposing defaulters does not produce the slightest effect since the workers are so accustomed to it that they pay no attention.
2. The situation among office employees is no better. For example, at one of the meetings of the heads of departments the director of the yard accused one of the engineers that his department was behind in current work, and that he was never seen in the yard after 1500 hours. The engineer replied that he worked a full eight hours in the yard. He could not work unraid overtime since he worked in another concern after 1500 hours in order to supplement his normal rate of pay, which did not suffice for even a modest standard of living. When the director asked others present whether they worked elsewhere in order to earn more money, almost all acknowledged that they did.
3. Safety measures and hygiene in the shipyard are steadily getting worse and, at the present time, leave much to be desired. Serious accidents during working hours are on the increase. The accidents are not the workers' fault, but are due to the management's carelessness in wanting everything done quickly and cheaply.
4. The latest fatal accident occurred on 6 July 1954. In the shaped-iron store new shelving of welded piping was put up. As a result of a small jolt the badly joined pipes came apart and several tons of iron fell on the storekeeper who was killed. There was great indignation among the workers at this accident, particu-

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larly since while the shelving was being installed, the workers employed on it drew attention to the fact that the material supplied for the job was not suitable, and that the time designated for completion of the work was not sufficient for it to be done properly. The workers were replaced by a "Youth Brigade" which completed the job before the time limit expired, with the result described above.

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